

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday May 31, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(100) In the matter of TN2307 – Two Shews, Inc. dba Billings Yellow Cab, Billings Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 139 to Shamrock Yellow Cab, LLC, Billings, Montana for a three month period May 31, 2006 to August 31, 2006.

Commissioner Molnar moved to approve the lease of PSC No. 139 to Shamrock Yellow Cab, LLC. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(101) In the matter of the Commission Minutes for the week of May 22, 2006:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Minutes for the week of May 22, 2006. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(102) In the matter of Ronan Telephone Co., - N2006.5.61 - on May 3 2006, Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) filed proposed Directory Assistance tariffs. The company that RTC has been using for directory assistance is no longer providing that service. The proposed new rate is the result of an increase that RTC must pay to the directory assistance provider.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve RTC Directory Assistance tariffs in Docket N2006.5.61. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division
Tim Sweeney, Legal Division

(103) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2002.12.156, D2006.3.30, D2006.3.31, D2006.3.32, D2006.38, D2006.3.41, D2006.3.42 - Qwest Corporation, Blackfoot Communications, Inc., Covad Communications Company, Advanced Communications, CenturyTel of Montana, Granite Telecommunication, LLC, Northern Montana Communication, Montana Opticom LLC, Omnicom Paging Plus:

Commission Raney moved to approve the Qwest Corporation/Covad Com. Co. interconnection

agreement in D2006.3.30, the Qwest Corporation/Advanced Communications interconnection agreement in D2006.3.31, the CenturyTel of Montana/Granite Telecommunication, LLC interconnection agreement in D2006.3.32, the Qwest Corporation/Northern Montana Communication in D2006.3.38, the Qwest Corporation/Montana Opticom LLC, interconnection agreement D2006.3.41, and the Qwest/Omnicom Paging Plus interconnection agreement in D2006.3.42. Commission Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mood move to approve the Qwest Corporation/Blackfoot Communication, Inc. interconnection agreement amendment in D2002.12.156 and the Qwest Corp/Covad Comm. Co interconnection agreement in D2006.3.30. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan and Mike Lee, Utility Division
Tim Sweeney, Legal Division

(104) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2006.3.39 – Qwest Corporation – objections to PSC discovery:

Commissioner Schneider moved to overrule Qwest's objections to PSC DR 008(c), and PSC DR 008(e) and to permit staff to withdraw PSC DR 008(d) and resubmit the question with the use of the term "basic services". Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division
Kate Whitney, Utility Division
Robin McHugh, Legal Division

(105) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out-of-state travel - request of Mike Lee to attend NARUC Summer Meeting in San Francisco July 28 - Aug 2; change participants attending the NARUC Western Conference in Jackson Hole in June from Judy Scheier to Tina Shorten; and to approve travel request for Candace Beery to OMS meeting in Columbus, Ohio, June 20-21:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the travel requests. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(106) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of budget/compensation issues:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve to close the meeting. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve pay increases for Eric Dahlgren, Al Brogan, Donna

Turkowski and the vacant Utility Division Administrative Support position. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Assistant Commission Secretary

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